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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1944, 1945 and 1946 1

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	Beverages	Margarine and butterine	Fresh fruits & vegetables	Meats	Butter	Cheese	Eggs	Poultry dressed	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs	Total
	/2	/3	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	/6	
Estimated cars, July 1946	16,500	322	84,279	32,750	2,352	1,919	4,760	2,039	6,612	34,684	186,217
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,383	30,423	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	184,937
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	-17.2	6.2	7.6	-25.0	-10.1	-5.0	-5.0	-24.9	5.5	0.7
Estimated cars, August 1946	18,685	456	77,830	31,736	2,072	2,289	4,454	2,230	5,516	35,660	180,928
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,107	29,569	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	177,346
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	-17.2	7.9	7.3	-25.0	-9.9	-4.2	-5.0	-25.0	6.5	2.0
Estimated cars, September 1946	18,269	385	93,156	25,868	1,412	1,871	3,656	2,506	4,370	39,841	191,334
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	86,919	27,498	1,880	2,075	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	188,732
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	1.3	7.2	-5.9	-24.9	-9.8	-4.9	-4.9	-25.0	10.1	1.4
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,723	28,395	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	212,207
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,485	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,789
Percentage increase or decrease	9.7	-5.8	10.1	-6.4	-11.1	-21.0	-4.2	7.5	-2.6	12.4	6.7
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,735	36,356	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	41,888	199,770
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,557	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,518	176,823
Percentage increase or decrease	9.0	-21.1	14.2	20.9	-9.5	7.0	-1.4	4.0	5.1	11.6	13.0
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,613	38,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	192,801
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	479	78,521	31,670	1,784	1,543	2,751	4,445	4,569	35,526	181,850
Percentage increase or decrease	15.8	-21.3	-5.0	21.1	-9.0	6.5	-3.0	9.0	-5.5	14.2	6.0
Estimated cars, January 1946	21,406	579	83,757	28,009	1,674	1,472	2,928	2,687	4,364	37,946	184,822
Number cars shipped January 1945	19,472	472	80,619	31,257	1,970	1,690	2,937	2,559	4,430	37,016	182,422
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	12.3	3.9	-10.4	-15.0	-12.9	-0.3	5.0	-1.5	2.5	1.3

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Estimated cars, February 1946	19,892	481	73,662	30,993	1,606	1,282	3,191	1,754	4,391	35,887	173,139
Number cars shipped February 1945	19,406	426	75,324	26,610	1,867	1,512	3,099	1,670	4,458	34,847	169,219
Percentage increase or decrease	2.5	12.9	-2.2	16.5	-14.0	-15.2	3.0	5.0	-1.5	3.0	2.3
Estimated cars, March 1946	19,418	410	85,379	26,252	1,822	1,523	3,907	1,714	5,026	42,193	187,644
Number cars shipped March 1945	21,576	481	83,831	29,357	2,119	1,876	3,946	1,632	5,566	40,879	191,263
Percentage increase or decrease	-10.0	-14.8	1.8	-10.6	-14.0	-18.8	-1.0	5.0	-9.7	3.2	-1.9
Estimated cars, April 1946	17,136	500	89,377	23,170	1,836	1,409	3,933	1,107	6,352	28,396	173,716
Estimated cars, April 1945	20,160	562	75,264	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	163,009
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	-11.0	18.8	-2.3	-13.0	-7.5	1.0	4.5	1.0	1.7	6.6
Estimated cars, May 1946	16,467	400	86,337	28,923	2,059	1,760	5,150	1,525	8,764	30,133	181,518
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,157	26,972	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	178,491
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	1.5	6.4	7.2	-15.9	-7.0	-1.0	0.0	-5.0	3.5	1.7
Estimated cars, June 1946	15,566	222	89,256	27,869	2,534	1,777	5,441	1,815	8,290	33,960	186,730
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,324	27,737	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	181,608
Percentage increase or decrease	-20.0	15.0	12.5	0.5	-17.5	-10.0	0.0	-9.9	-14.9	4.0	2.8

1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1944, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in January, February and March 1945.

3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in 1944, and are substituted for previous estimates in January, February and March 1945.

4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. June, July, August and September 1946 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Watermelon shipments not included.

5 In 1944 and January, February and March 1945 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220 and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The other 9 months of 1945 and the first 9 months of 1946 are estimates on the same basis.

6 In 1944 and January, February and March 1945 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 9 months of 1945 and the first 9 months of 1946 are estimates of the same movement.

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